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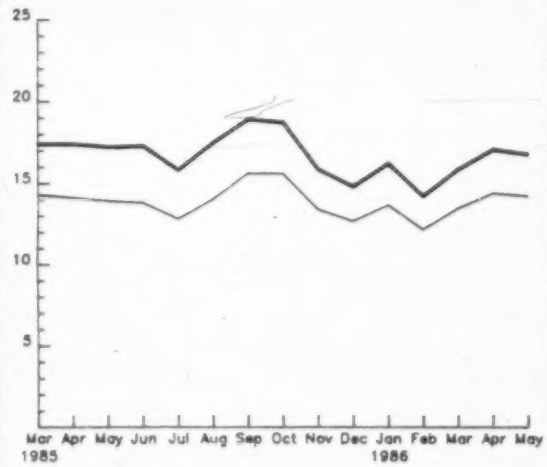
MONTHLY TIRE REPORT

May 1986

This report was compiled by the Rubber Manufacturers Association (RMA) and presents a monthly compilation of tire and inner tube shipments, production, exports, imports, and inventory. The actual industry data reported is adjusted to include estimates for non-participating companies so that the figures presented will represent 100% of the domestic U.S. tire market.

PASSENGER TIRE SHIPMENTS



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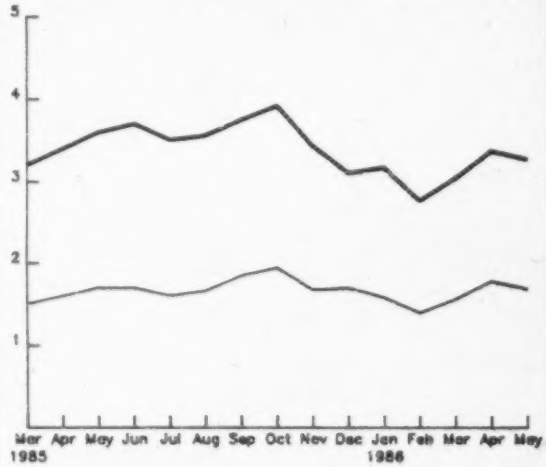
TRUCK & BUS TIRE SHIPMENTS



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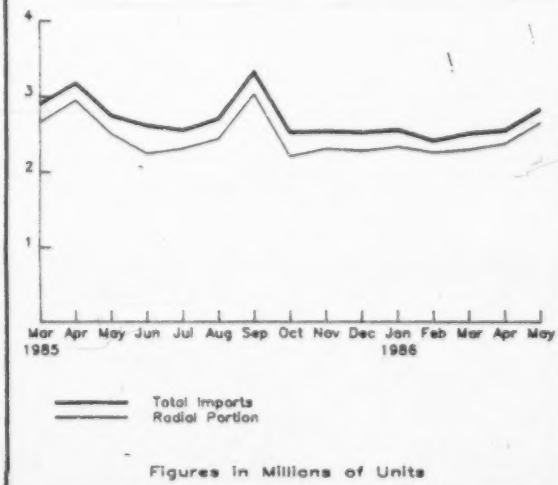

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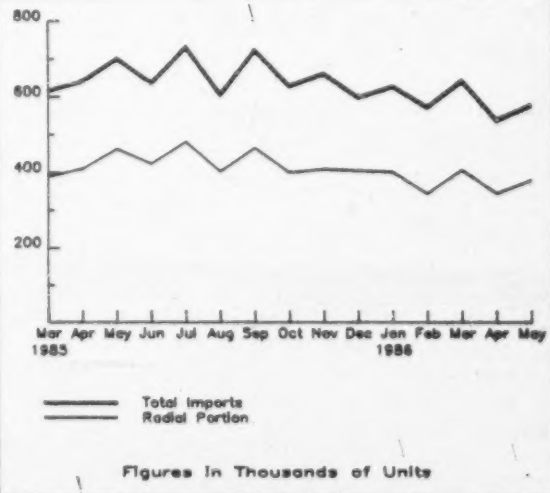

Figures in Thousands of Units

Above are two sets of charts which highlight shipments and imports of both passenger and truck & bus tires.

The shipment charts show monthly volumes for total shipments and radial shipments for fifteen months running. The vertical distance between the two lines in each graph is the non-radial portion of the total shipments. May 1986 total shipments are down -2.7% from May 85 for passenger tires, and down -8.7% for truck & bus tires. The import charts show volume of imports of both passenger and truck & bus tires, as well as the portion of imports which are radial tires. From 1982 to 1985, passenger tire imports have increased 93.5%, and truck & bus tire imports have grown by 110.8%.

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RMA MONTHLY TIRE & TUBE SHIPMENTS & PRODUCTION REPORT
(FIGURES IN THOUSANDS OF UNITS)

ISSUED: July 08, 1986

PASSENGER TIRES	May 1986	May 1985	% CHANGE	YTD 1986	YTD 1985	% CHANGE
Shipments						
Original Equipment	4,774	4,983	-4.19	24,194	24,383	-0.78
Radial	4,003	4,114	-2.70	20,251	20,291	-0.20
Replacement	11,728	11,902	-1.46	54,376	55,119	-1.35
Radial	10,012	9,479	+5.62	46,471	44,392	+4.68
Export	251	339	-25.96	1,617	2,509	-35.55
Radial	185	266	-30.45	1,237	2,030	-39.06
Total	16,753	17,224	-2.73	80,187	82,011	-2.22
Radial	14,200	13,859	+2.46	67,959	66,713	+1.87
Production	12,555	14,002	-10.33	67,038	73,168	-8.38
Radial	10,732	11,319	-5.19	59,597	58,049	+2.67
Ending Inventory	34,858	39,707	-12.21	-	-	-
Radial	30,318	31,970	-5.17	-	-	-
TRUCK & BUS TIRES						
Shipments						
Original Equipment	643	744	-13.58	3,037	3,386	-10.31
Radial	430	473	-9.09	2,013	2,152	-6.46
Replacement	2,501	2,725	-8.22	12,022	12,166	-1.18
Radial	1,173	1,177	-0.34	5,646	5,056	+11.67
Export	117	101	+15.84	579	599	-3.34
Radial	80	57	+40.35	361	317	+13.88
Total	3,261	3,570	-8.66	15,638	16,151	-3.18
Radial	1,683	1,707	-1.41	8,020	7,525	+6.58
Production	2,448	2,779	-11.91	13,240	15,462	-14.37
Radial	1,195	1,191	+0.34	6,370	6,690	-4.78
Ending Inventory	9,883	9,356	+5.63	-	-	-
Radial	4,669	4,296	+8.68	-	-	-
MOBILE HOME						
Shipments						
Original Equipment	61	144	-57.64	269	530	-49.25
Replacement	10	9	+11.11	40	29	+37.93
Export	-	-	-	-	1	-
Total	71	153	-53.59	309	560	-44.82
Production	30	110	-72.73	238	506	-52.96
Ending Inventory	117	147	-20.41	-	-	-
TRACTOR IMPLEMENT						
Shipments						
Original Equipment	44	53	-16.98	237	283	-16.25
Replacement	175	220	-20.45	1,056	1,100	-4.00
Export	14	21	-33.33	84	79	+6.33
Total	233	294	-20.75	1,377	1,462	-5.81
Production	225	237	-5.06	1,193	1,320	-9.62
Ending Inventory	709	872	-18.69	-	-	-
INDUSTRIAL & UTILITY						
Shipments						
Original Equipment	481	524	-8.21	2,551	3,180	-19.78
Replacement	165	154	+7.14	830	889	-6.64
Export	19	20	-5.00	94	97	-3.09
Total	665	698	-4.73	3,475	4,166	-16.59
Production	629	756	-16.80	3,396	4,026	-15.65
Ending Inventory	2,012	1,440	+39.72	-	-	-
INNER TUBES*						
Total Shipments						
Passenger & Motorcycle	518	740	-30.00	2,708	3,197	-15.30
Truck & Bus	1,256	1,506	-16.60	6,176	7,020	-12.02
Tractor-Implement	192	237	-18.99	1,037	1,046	-0.86
Industrial & Utility	104	186	-44.09	614	933	-34.19

* Inner Tube figures are for shipments only, not production.

In order to avoid possible double counting, export figures are as reported to RMA and will vary from data in government reports. This report is available from RMA at a $200.00 subscription rate. Year-end reports are available at $200.00 each. Figures may not add due to rounding. For further detail on tire and tube exports, refer to the RMA 301 report.

IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF TIRE AND INNER TUBES -- SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Report No. IM-145
(Units are rounded and expressed in thousands)

	TIRES									TUBES			
TSUSA NUMBERS:	772.5109	772.5112	772.5127	772.5129	772.5136	772.5138	772.5141	772.4500 772.4600	772.5000	772.6005	772.6010	772.6025	772.5900
	Pass. Radial	Pass. All Other	Light Truck Radial	Light Truck All Other	All Other Truck Radial	All Other Truck	Motor-cycle	Airplane	Farm Equip.	Pass. Tubes	Truck & Bus Tubes	Tire NSPF Tubes	Farm Tubes
1985													
January	2,901	170	102	48	398	203	186	2	32	570	281	304	25
February	1,950	190	89	33	241	155	104	1	30	309	206	248	17
March	2,654	250	98	45	291	182	152	3	78	372	234	270	29
April	2,948	228	115	50	295	181	176	2	47	296	235	324	7
May	2,501	238	128	73	334	166	107	2	77	462	214	400	11
CUMULATIVE	12,953	1,077	532	249	1,559	887	725	9	263	2,010	1,170	1,545	89
June	2,237	370	147	56	275	157	177	2	69	421	293	509	30
July	2,308	236	195	63	286	187	177	2	53	330	185	435	15
August	2,436	268	119	33	282	170	98	6	35	264	203	274	36
September	3,031	290	143	56	322	202	150	4	51	307	170	349	18
October	2,200	317	147	55	252	173	130	2	42	458	169	254	33
November	2,307	230	143	82	266	170	90	3	29	288	281	298	33
December	2,273	245	127	63	277	130	156	3	37	227	142	185	25
ANNUAL	29,745	3,032	1,554	658	3,519	2,076	1,703	31	578	4,306	2,612	3,848	279
1986													
January	2,332	225	125	50	275	177	177	3	46	424	233	327	26
February	2,251	155	96	57	247	171	180	2	82	292	175	449	39
March	2,296	213	109	78	298	157	165	4	64	372	218	360	35
April	2,371	178	113	86	231	107	118	5	47	255	172	308	19
May	2,650	179	110	68	270	130	252	2	42	244	204	313	33
CUMULATIVE	11,899	950	553	340	1,322	742	891	15	282	1,587	1,003	1,757	152
June													
July													
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November													
December													
% Change Month	11.8	.6	-2.7	-20.9	16.9	21.5	113.6	-60.0	-10.6	-4.3	18.6	1.6	73.7
% Change Month 86 vs. 85	6.0	-24.8	-14.1	-6.8	-19.2	-21.7	135.5	.0	-45.5	-47.2	-4.7	-21.8	200.0
% Change Cumulative	-8.1	-11.8	3.9	36.5	-15.2	-16.3	22.9	66.7	7.2	-21.0	-14.3	13.7	70.8

Figures may not add due to rounding. For further details on Imports please refer to RMA 500 Report.

RUBBER MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION'S MONTHLY TIRE AND INNER TUBES REPORT

The procedures used by the Management Information Services (MIS) of RMA to compile this data are reviewed at least annually by the RMA Tire Statistical Committee. Committee members represent tire producing companies, both domestic and foreign, which participate in the submission of their monthly tire data to RMA for compilation into an aggregate report. The categories selected for presentation are based upon those developed by the Committee and in many instances upon classifications listed in the Tire and Rim Association's Yearbook.

Descriptions for the categories used in this report:

PASSENGER TIRES: all sizes and types of tires designed for standard highway passenger car service. It also includes off-highway passenger service tires such as racing car and dune buggy tires.

TRUCK & BUS TIRES: all sizes and types of tires which are designated as light, medium, dual, heavy, and large off-the-road truck tires.

MOBILE HOME TIRES: all tires designed solely for use in the transportation of permanent or temporary buildings, with wheel attached, from factory to site or site to site.

TRACTOR IMPLEMENT TIRES: steering and drive wheel tires used on tractors in field service or harvesting equipment. This includes combines, cane and rice field tires, log-skidder tires, and those used on farm implement vehicles.

INDUSTRIAL & UTILITY TIRES: all tires used for slow speed industrial vehicles and counterbalanced fork-lift trucks, recreational, boat, baggage, sports and special type trailer tires, as well as tires used on mining cars, lumber yard straddle trucks, wheel barrows, and garden tractors. This category includes swamp buggy, terra, snowmobile, mini-bike, and Go-Kart tires.

INNER TUBES: all inner tubes regardless of the type of tire for which they were manufactured. Only shipments are included in this report.

Descriptions for the various column headings used in this report:

Original Equipment: shipments to vehicle manufacturers for their original equipment.

Replacement: shipments destined for the domestic replacement market.

Export: shipments to points outside the United States by the participants, and as such, will differ from the export figures released by the U.S. government.

Production: units produced in domestic factories for the reporting period.

Inventory: stocks as of the last day of the reporting period covered.

Imports:

Data for imports are shown separately on this report; however, those of participating companies are reflected in all of the columns with the exception of production. Import data is from the Bureau of Census Report IM-145 derived from data from the Department of Commerce. The import data is listed by the seven digit TSUSA number (Tariff Schedules of the United States) and reflects both government and non-goverment imports from foreign countries into U.S. Customs territories.

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Denman Rubber Manufacturing Company
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General Tire & Rubber Company, The
BFGoodrich Company, Tire Group, The
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